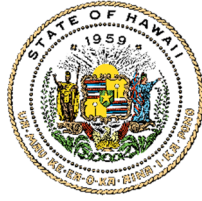


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Subject: Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for the Proposed Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Management of Wailua Reservoir Dam and Diversion Project

Location: Wailua Reservoir, Kawaihau, Island of Kaua'i

Tax Map Keys: (4) 3-9-002:001, 029; (4) 4-2-001:001, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 012; (4) 4-2-002:008, 114, 115, 130; (4) 4-2-007:014, 015, 016, 017, 018, 019

Dear Mr. Glenn:

DLNR has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for the proposed Management of Wailua Reservoir Dam and Diversion project. This determination was made in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §343-5(b) and Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §11-200.1-14(d)(2), which state that an agency may choose to prepare an EIS, beginning with preparation of an EISPN, if through its judgment and experience determines that an EIS is likely to be required.

We hereby transmit this determination that an EIS is required and the EISPN for the Management of Wailua Reservoir Dam and Diversion proposed project. Attached to this letter is the required searchable PDF file of the EISPN provided via the online submission platform. DLNR respectfully requests publication of the EISPN for this project in the next edition of *The Environmental Notice* periodic bulletin.

Should you have any questions about this submittal, please contact Gary Hashiro, Engineer, Hawai'i DLNR at (808)-587-0235 or via email to gary.a.hashiro@hawaii.gov. You may also contact our consultant, Tamara Pearl of Gannett Fleming at (212)-884-2291 or via email to tpearl@gfnet.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dawn N.S. Chang".

Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson

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